

April 10, 2013 Minutes
Meeting of the Otsego-Schoharie & Delaware
Masonic Charities, Inc.

Called to order at 7:00 pm by President William Morley

Opening Prayer was offered by Bill Mason

Roll call of members present: Fred G. Hicken, Bruce Van Buren, Roy Bilby, Alex Brannan, Bill Mason, Bill Morley, Richard S. Morley, Julian Wilcox, and Ken Sokolowski.

Minutes from the 20 March 2013 were previously distributed via e-mail and were read.

No Treasurer's report.

Old Business

- Discussed the letter from George Sydlar, copy below. He did not turn over the books demanded from him. William Morley will take appropriate action.
- The new by-laws were approved by two lawyers.

New Business

- Bruce Van Buren explained Oneonta Lodge's reprimand of George Sydlar for the past year.
- Present officers: William Morley, President; Richard S. Morley, Vice President; George Sydlar, Treasurer; and Alexander D. Brannan, Secretary. Being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. It was moved by Richard S. Morley and seconded by Roy Bilby that the recording secretary cast a unanimous for the following officers for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. It passed unanimously.
 - President: William L. Mason
 - Vice President: Richard S. Morley
 - Secretary: Fred G. Hickein
 - Treasurer: Alexander D. Brannan
- Bruce L. Van Buren was appointed assistant secretary.
- Checks will require two of four signers. Signers shall be William L. Mason, Richard S. Morley, Fred G. Hickein, and Alexander D. Brannan.
- Disaster group looking for a sponsor.
- \$50 for life memberships for Rick Scheiner and Ken Sokolowski was turned over to the new secretary.
- Bill Mason's vision do more high visibility things and provide assistance to lodges.
- We need a widow's list to keep our mailing list current.
- Joel Plue's fund raising offer was discussed. Invite to next meeting. Send some information to Bill Mason and Roy Bilby.
- Next meeting: September 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Oneonta Masonic Temple.

Minutes read and approved. Adjournment Prayer was offered by Roy Bilby. Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce L. Van Buren, Acting Secretary

Fred G. Hickein, Secretary

George Sydlar, Sr.
3-9-2013

R.W. WILLIAM S MORLEY
PRESIDENT O-S-D- MASONIC CHARITIES CORP.

Bill,

I am in receipt of your certified letter dated 3/21/13. This letter is signed by you and co-signed by Alex Brannan as secretary and Roy Bilby D.D.. As you know Alex resigned as the secretary and noted in the minutes of the December meeting, to my knowledge there was no meeting that or minutes that restored him to secretary. I have met with you on 3/30/13 and requested copies of the minutes from the December meeting to this date that you said you have and would be provided, but as of this date you have not.

Your letter states that you are ordering me to provide you with the books for an audit before the next annual meeting in April. On 3/30/13 I advised you that at the December meeting you audited the check book because the secretary resigned. I also sent you an E-Mail on 12/21/12 requesting that you have that audit be recorded in the minutes. I have no knowledge if you did record that fact.

On 3/30/13 I showed the only change from the December meeting. I also requested any funds that have been paid to the organization and not turned over to the treasurer for deposit. You stated that you did not have any. I am requesting that you find out what happened to that money.

On 3/30/13 I told you of my objection to you and Roy Bilby from having meetings and excluding me from attending them. I have also advised you of the violation of the by-laws by conducting the annual meeting on 3/10/13 in Oneonta Lodge. The by-laws clearly state " Sec. 602. Regular meetings of the Association shall be held on the first Wednesday of September, last Wednesday of December and the third Wednesday of April in each year. None of the scheduled regular meetings may be eliminated but, for good cause, my, prior to the mailing of the notice thereof, be postponed by the directors or their chairman for not exceed two weeks from the scheduled date." The by-laws are clear; you or anyone else cannot and must not violate them to remove me from office.

I am the lawfully elected treasurer of this organization. Because I have done my fiduciary duty and questioned the disbursements of the organizations funds I am being retaliated against by being unlawfully removed. Non-profit organizations can live and die by their by-laws. It is important to ensure that these by-laws reflect the organization and keep out of legal troubles.

I am requesting that this letter be posted to the membership.
Thank You.

W. George Sydlar
Treasurer